

LAND EXCHANGE AT FIRE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE

NOVEMBER 7, 1995.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, from the Committee on Resources,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 1163]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 1163) to authorize the exchange of National Park Service land in the Fire Island National Seashore in the State of New York for land in the village of Patchogue, Suffolk County, New York, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment (stated in terms of the page and line numbers of the introduced bill) is as follows:

Page 2, beginning on line 3, strike “, before the expiration” and all that follows through line 5 and insert a period.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 1163 is to authorize the exchange of National Park Service land in the Fire Island National Seashore in the State of New York for land in the Village of Patchogue, Suffolk County, New York.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H.R. 1163 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to exchange approximately eight acres of riverfront property currently within the Fire Island National Seashore for approximately two acres of property owned by the Village of Patchogue, New York.

The Village of Patchogue intends that the riverfront area be lightly developed with retail shops and restaurants. Currently, the Patchogue land consists of a large paved area and a few buildings.

Fire Island needs the property for overflow parking, vehicle maintenance and perhaps some office space.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Congressman Michael P. Forbes introduced H.R. 1163 on March 8, 1995. The bill was referred to the Committee on Resources, and within the Committee, to the Subcommittee on National Parks Forests and Lands. The Subcommittee held a hearing on various land exchange bills, including H.R. 1163, on July 20, 1995.

Consideration and mark-up of H.R. 1163 was held in the Subcommittee on October 17, 1995. The bill was ordered favorably reported to the Full Committee by voice vote without amendment. Full Committee consideration and mark-up was held on October 25, 1995. Mr. Hansen offered an amendment to H.R. 1163 that was accepted by voice vote. As introduced, H.R. 1163 mandated that the exchange authorized in H.R. 1163 be accomplished by the National Park Service within six months. The Hansen amendment deleted any reference to the time frame. The bill, as amended, was ordered reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1. Authorization of exchange

The Secretary of the Interior may exchange all right, title, and interest of the United States to certain National Park Service Lands in the Fire Island National Seashore as described in the bill for all right, title, and interest in lands in the Village of Patchogue, Suffolk County, New York as described in the bill. It is the intent of the Committee to place no time restriction on the National Park Service to execute the land exchange.

Section 2. Description of lands to be exchanged

This section provides descriptions of the lands to be exchanged by reference to maps.

Section 3. Lands acquired by Secretary

The lands in the Village of Patchogue that are acquired by the Secretary of the Interior shall be added and administered as part of the Fire Island National Seashore.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

With respect to the requirements of clause 2(l)(3) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, and clause 2(b)(1) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

INFLATIONARY IMPACT STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 2(l)(4) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee estimates that the enactment of H.R. 1163 will have no significant inflationary impact on prices and costs in the operation of the national economy.

COST OF THE LEGISLATION

Clause 7(a) of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires an estimate and a comparison by the Committee of the costs which would be incurred in carrying out H.R. 1163. However, clause 7(d) of that rule provides that this requirement does not apply when the Committee has included in its report a timely submitted cost estimate of the bill prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XI

1. With respect to the requirement of clause 2(l)(3)(B) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, H.R. 1163 does not contain any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures.

2. With respect to the requirement of clause 2(l)(3)(D) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has received no report of oversight findings and recommendations from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight on the subject of H.R. 1163.

3. With respect to the requirement of clause 2(l)(3)(C) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following cost estimate for H.R. 1163 from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, November 6, 1995.

Hon. DON YOUNG,
*Chairman, Committee on Resources,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed H.R. 1163, a bill to authorize the exchange of National Park Service land in the Fire Island National Seashore in the State of New York for land in the village of Patchogue, Suffolk County, New York, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on October 25, 1995. We estimate that enacting this bill would have no impact on the federal budget. H.R. 1163 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 1163 would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to exchange a land parcel within the Fire Island National Seashore for land owned by the village of Patchogue in New York. CBO estimates that the exchange, if it occurs, would result in no cost to federal government.

We estimate that the bill would impose no costs on state or local governments. The land exchange authorized by the bill would be entered into voluntarily by the village.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contacts are Deborah Reis and Marge Miller.

Sincerely,

JUNE E. O'NEILL, *Director*.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

If enacted, H.R. 1163 would make no changes in existing law.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Committee has received no departmental reports on H.R. 1163.

